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North Gaston's Mario Brandon (25) tries to turn the corner on South Point's Jim Cagle.

Raiders respond, whip 'Cats

■ DALLAS — When you play football for South Point coach Phil Tate, there are certain things you must do.

Work hard, give 100 percent, stay focused ...

You don't do that and you'll find yourself on Tate's bench.

So, after a stunning 21-16 loss to East Gaston last Friday, the Red Raiders came back to pummel North Gaston 52-16.

After that loss to the Warriors, Tate saw certain things he didn't like. And he didn't hesitate to tell his club.

"Last Friday night, I told them nose-to-nose, they didn't play football," Tate said. "For the first time in three years, I told our kids I was disappointed in their effort."

What a response.

South Point's Courtney Williams rushed 11 times for 149 yards and two touchdowns. Teammate Rachon Stowe also scored twice from 1-yard out.

Before North Gaston had time to breathe, the Red Raiders had rolled up a 35-7 halftime lead.

"We had a long, hard week of practice," said Williams, who's just a sophomore. "Everyone was intense about this game."

Don Brown led the Wildcats with 11 carries for 130 yards and an 81-yard touchdown run.

"They (South Point) came out in the first quarter and showed us who's boss," North Gaston coach Mike Somers said. "We've got to keep our heads up and regroup."

Wildcat running back Mario Brandon left the game with a mild concussion but the injury isn't believed to be too serious, Somers said. Brandon is questionable for next week.

Andy Jasner

South Point	14 21 7 10 — 52
North Gaston	0 7 0 9 — 16

SP — Courtney Williams 54 run (Kirk Crawford kick)
SP — Rachon Stowe 1 run (Crawford kick)
NG — Mario Brandon 59 punt return (Lance Martin kick)
SP — Miles Braswell 30 pass from Gerard Hardy (Crawford kick)
SP — Stowe 1 run (Crawford kick)
SP — Derek Bowens 1 run (Crawford kick)
SP — Williams 19 run (Crawford kick)
SP — Crawford 18 FG
NG — Don Brown 81 run (kick failed)
NG — Martin 38 FG
SP — Alberto Moore 11 run (Crawford kick)